West Roxbury,

Sept. 2, 1895.

My dear Mr. Brewster,

In London my
friend, this summer I heard
an owl hooting one night,
and I thought that perhaps
you could tell from my
imperfect description what
kind it was — whether
barred or great horned, for
I suppose it must have
been one or the other. It
was after I had got to bed,
so I had no chance to follow
him up. He sang his song over
and over again, and I com-
mitted it to memory. It was
Hoo-hoó-hoo-hoo, hoo-hoo-hoo-hoó

Allen-Francis 96.
Sept. 2nd 1895

Dear Mr. Brewster, Can you tell me
if the mournful refrain is one of the animals?
If it is called whip-poor-will, or is the voice
quite (nearly) always the same?
I think I can imitate it.
I am about the cuckoo, which
I can imitate to perfection, and
also that of the golden oriole.
I am sincerely
Yours
Francis Allen

SHOUT
SHARE
IT

with a falling inflection on the last syllable. The last part (after the caesural pause) sounds exactly like "Who cooks for you?," except for articulation, of course. "Who cooks for you all?" is according to Wilson, I believe, the interpolation the backwoodsman gave to the great horned owl's hoot; but the quality of the voice, which was surprisingly soft and had a kind of "satiny" texture, made me think that perhaps the author was a barred owl. It reminded me a little of a dog's bark, too, in spite of its softness. The owl was some distance off, and probably distance lent enchantment.

I found Pans hederacea and Pyrola virens on Stratton Mt., Vt., June 30th.,

Rainier 4305', attitude about 3900 feet. A gray form of P. hudsonica having but three petals is the first one I've seen in the blooming stage. I can find no record of it in the Check List of the Buffalo Public Museum. Brickell, Home Study Circular No. 9, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. states that it is found in Colorado — 9 thick growth of pines about timber line in Rocky Mountain National Park.

Amid the thick undisturbed growth of the mountain is a fine tree to the casual observer. Abies amabilis and A. grandis were also seen there in 1886, when I was a lumberman, and S. sibirica was afterwards abundant

NUTTALL ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB.

West Roxbury ~~CAMBRIDGE~~, MASS., Jan. 13, 1886

Dear Mr. Brewster.

Mr. Hoffmann has notified me that his paper on the winter distribution of N. E. birds is ready. So unless you prefer to have a Committee report next Monday instead, I will announce his paper. I have looked into my note-books, thinking I might possibly have a record of T. u. swainsonii on Monadnock, but I don't find any. I visited

Allen, J. H.
Jan. 18 L. 1896

the mountain, July 4 & 5, 1891, and Aug. 7, 1892, going up to the top the three days. The only Canadian birds I found were D. maculosa, T. a. pallasii, P. hyemalis, and T. minimalis, all on my first visit. I should surely have noticed Swainson's or Bicknell's Thrushes, if they had been at all common, singing or calling.

Yours sincerely,

J. H. Allen

West Roxbury,
Apr. 21, 1896.

Dear Mr. Brewster,

Here are some data which seem to me phenomenally early:

H. rufus, Apr. 19, One singing in W.R.

C. pelagica, Apr. 19, Two. W.R.

C. erythrogastra, Apr. 19. Six (?). W.R.

Worthington found P. subis in Dedham on the 16th.

I have just seen Mr. Hoffmann, who says he saw an H. rufus, Apr. 16, and M. varia + D. virens, yesterday.

I see, by the way, that in

the new Mimic, you say that the Catbird and Brown Thrush correspond closely in their times of arrival and departure. If that is to be taken literally, perhaps my opinion is an unusual one; for my averages for the last fifteen years' observations in and about W.R. are May 2 for H. rufus and May 8 for G. carolinus. Some years the first arrivals escaped me, so that the true dates would doubtless be a trifle earlier, but I don't know why the ratio shouldn't be the same. The extremes for H. rufus are Apr. 24 and May 11, for G. carolinus May 3 + 18.

Yours sincerely,

Francis H. Allen

Allen-Francis, Mr.

April 21st 1896

7 Rutland St.
Cambridge
May 24, 1900.

Dear Mr. Brewster,

I heard a rail at "Artificial" last Monday evening, and, as I know nothing of the rails, I am wondering which species it was. Can you tell me from this all too imperfect description? Opinions at the Club seemed to differ. It

of waiting, got up myself, when he rose and performed his aerial song again, coming down at a distance.

I don't quite understand what you call the "twittering" in your Auk article. The only vocal sounds I heard were what I suppose you call the "water-whistle" notes. There seemed to me a little confusion at first but they speedily resolved

sounded to me like kik, kik, kik-ik, kik-ik, kik-ik, kik-ik, with a very slight rise in pitch, I should say, at the end. It was rather musical in tone and pitched lower than the short i sound in kik would indicate, perhaps.

I have been listening to the woodcocks booming hypnotically. I heard three of them singing at once last Sunday evening. One of them lighted within about 15 yards of me, as I crouched behind a transpantabus waiting for him. I didn't hear the ~~f'tut~~ p't-ul note at all from him, though I am morally certain that he knew I was there and so must have found my way. (It was too dark for me to see him after he had lighted.) At any rate he absolutely refused to get up until I, tired

Allen, F. H.

May 24, 1900.

I suppose I shall hardly see you again till next fall, for I go on my vacation about the first of June and so shall not attend the next meeting of the Club. I'm going to Chicago — not a very exciting place to visit especially but the best I can do this year. I hope you will have a good summer of it.

Yours sincerely
Francis H. Allen

themselves into groups of ~~four~~ musical notes, each group consisting of four uttered in a descending scale (I don't know the interval, for I am not a musician — perhaps thirds, or fourths). The first of these notes was uttered while the last of the ~~four~~ wing whistles was being made. At least this was sometimes, and I think

usually, the case, though once or twice at least the wing note had ceased before the vocal note began. These remarks are based on the performance of two of the birds. The third was too far off for me to hear him distinctly. This third bird was in the same place where I heard me Saturday, May 12. And at that time I confirm that I did not notice that the musical notes were grouped in fours. None of the descriptions I have read say anything about this fourfold style, and I wonder if these two birds of mine had an unusual song. One of the birds repeated 43 times between two of his flights.

Isn't this rather late in the season for woodcock songs?

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Dec. 29, 1902.

Dear Mr. Brewster,

You can doubtless recall the firm's letter of Saturday, and I trust that the terms named are satisfactory. As I am in the editorial department, matters relating to the making of contracts and mechanical make-up etc. do not naturally go through my hands, but I shall be very glad to help in any way I can and will meet you and Mr. Batchelder

Allen—Francis H.
Dec. 29, 1902

at any time and place
you may appoint.

Yours sincerely.
Francis H. Allen

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I wrote Allen 4.2.21 agreeing to changes W.B.

Feb. 20, 1903.

Dear Mr. Brewster,

Dr. Minot has sent us your corrections for the "Land-Birds and Game-Birds," and, as in the case of all plate corrections, they have come to me before going to the printer. It is unfortunate to have to perpetuate the errata slip in a third edition. They are bad things at the best; so few readers ever think to look at them. If you were willing to sacrifice the references, the simple statement that the Kentucky warbler had been thrice taken in Connecticut could be inserted on p. 87 as a note to Note 44. It would make the column a line longer than it ought to be, but the next page is a little long too, and that would not make any particular difference.

On p. 343 in the footnote, it would save considerable re-running if you could strike out the words "that has been" and then let it read 'I know of but one specimen taken here at that season."

Yours sincerely,

William Brewster, Esq. Francis H. Allen

Allen—Francis H.

Feb. 20. 1903.

7 Rutledge St.
West Roxbury
Sept. 23, 1903.

Dear Mr. Brewster,

On August 16 I saw an immature horned lark (O. a. praticola & subflava) on Pigan Hill. Could it have been bred there, do you think? Is it too early for a migrant? My cousin Mr. R. B. Worthington saw it, or another like it, on

and have no claws, but they are very noticeable.

I hope you have had a very good summer. I have had a very good summer, enjoying country life, but have not been up into the Canadian fauna as much as I should like to. Mr. Brewer, Yours sincerely
Francis N. Balch

two days of the previous
week and got a much
better look at it than I.
He could see that the
throat was white, rather
than yellow, but I could
only make out that the
breast was spotted — show-
ing it to be a young bird
— that then was black
about the head, and that
the bill was yellowish.
(The general appearance,
walk, and notes showed
that it was a horned lark.)

I did not take a gun with me, as I wanted
to learn the kind for next year, if there
were any chance of their hanging [illegible] there.
Celia will go for kind enough to
tell me if something with rudimentary
wind-tees or community taken? I have
not had it saw that out of a flock
of [illegible], Sept. 11. The kind this one
only about .05 of an inch long (in the skin)

flop off to another tree, showing an immense expanse of wing. The only pictures of the bird that I have yet found — that in Chapman's new Color Key! — makes the wings too short compared with the tail. In the bird they came nearly or quite to the end of the tail. He always took a rather low perch — 10 to 20 ft. high. I must be lighted on the tip top of a red cedar (i.e. two cedar),

7 Rutledge St.
West Roxbury
Feb. 8, 1904.

Dear Mr. Brewster,

Dr. Townsend told me last Monday that you were well enough to receive callers, and I meant to go round to Louisburg Square but couldn't arrange it till this noon, when I found that you had gone home. I hope you are progressing satisfactorily. I wanted particularly to tell you

about meeting a great gray owl in the woods yesterday. It was on J. D. Warren's place, Karlstem, in Oldham. The crows were making such a racket that I went over half a mile out of my way to find out what the matter was — and was well rewarded! The owl had a feathered crow in his talons. When he dropped it I found that the head and fore part of the body and the wings were gone. He was not at all afraid of me, but when a crow came he made himself as inconspicuous as possible. Having no weapon I took to snowballing him, hoping to knock him over with a good hard one in the head, but he seemed to "bear a charmed life," and, though he never dodged but made an excellent mark of himself, I failed to reach a vulnerable part. When things got too hot for him, he would

but the other times it was on a large branch of a large tree near the trunk — usually in a pine. I frequently got within 20 feet of him. At last I left him — for some other observer to see, and I dare say he is only great gray owl that never was shot.

Don't bother about acknowledging this.

Yours sincerely,
Francis H. Allen.

Allen, J. H.
July 7. 1904.

Re Redstart with white for yellow in tail.

7 Rutledge St.
West Roxbury,
July 7, 1904.

Dear Mr. Drane,

Would you mind telling me if Mr. Brewster has in his collection, or knows of, a redstart, ♀ or juv., with white instead of yellow in the tail? I saw such a bird in Sherborn last Sunday. At least

I could see no tinge of yellow, and I had the bird frequently within ten or fifteen feet near my glass. The wings and sides of breast were marked with yellow, normally. Only the tail had the white instead, and there the white simply took the place of the yellow, marking the tail only — not as if it were albinism. I wish I had had a gun with me.

I hope Mr. Brewster likes his specimen. Please give him my regards.

Yours sincerely,

Francis H. Allen.

7 Rutland St.
Brookline
Aug. 10, 1904.

Dear Mr. Brewster,

Dr. George W. Field,
who, as you know, is a
Director of the Mass. Audu-
bon Society and is now
running what he calls a
"biological farm" in Thorn,
telephones me to-day that
the Governor is considering
his appointment as a member
of the Fish and Game

be very much in connect-
it seem to me that it
would be a good thing for
the Audubon Society to
have him on the Commission.

If you can do anything
for him, it ought to be
done at once, because he
understands that the Governor
is going to make the ap-
pointment very soon.

Yours sincerely,

Edwin H. Abbot

Aug. 10 1904

Commissioner in place of Mr. Brackett, who retires. He wants to get all the endorsement he can, of course, and he asked me if I would write to you about it. He said he hadn't met you personally, and perhaps you wouldn't feel like writing to the Governor under those circumstances. If you could do it, however, it would please him, and I think you would be making no mistake. I have seen something of Mr. Field lately both at the Audubon meetings and at his home in Thorn, when I have been there. He is a thoroughly good fellow, I think, absolutely honest, I'm sure, and he has made economic biology his profession, which ought to be an excellent qualification for the position. He is a man of about 35 and vigorous, and I see no

Allen — Francis H.
Apr. 9, 1905

7 Rutlage St.
West Roxbury, Mass.
Apr. 9, 1905.

Dear Mr. Brewster,

I want to ask you about a mysterious sound I heard this A.M., which may or may not have been a bird-note, but at any rate was entirely new to me. I was looking through a group of birds on a little rocky knoll covered with red cedars and pitch pines, etc., jutting out into a pasture from the edge of a patch of low woods. There were juncos and song

hunting over the place, too, but could find nothing to explain it.

Unless you have heard the same note yourself, you will probably think I was dreaming, but I assure you I was as wide awake as usual, and, so far as I know, in a perfectly normal condition mentally.

Can you tell me what it was? I haven't been so completely puzzled for a long time.

Yours sincerely,

Francis H. Allen

sparrows flitting about, a field sparrow or two singing occasionally, and a cowbird. The last named bird was the most stationary and the most vociferous, and I was trying to get a look at him, when I heard a low-pitched, liquid note which may be represented by the syllables glub-glub, with a sort of whistling quality. It was probably as low in pitch as that low note of the chipmunk's, but nothing like it in tone. It seemed to come from the ground or near it, while the cowbird, which was the only bird of those around that I could think of in connection with it, was probably ten or twenty feet up in a tree near by. The location — a little rocky knoll with the land falling away on all sides — seemed to rule out the idea that it could have been running water, and the manner of it was distinctly suggestive of a living creature. It was given three times in pretty quick succession, — intervals of half a minute perhaps, — and then I heard no more of it, though I sat quietly there for some time. I

Allen_Francis H.
Sep 7. 1905

East Boxford
Mass.

Sept. 7. 1905.

Dear Mr. Brewster,

Will you be kind enough to tell me if you often find juncos here in eastern Massachusetts in the juvenal plumage, streaked above and below? I saw one here in Boxford last Saturday, Sept. 2, one day earlier than Dr. T.'s earliest date (for a bird

at Groveland, just north of Boxford).

We had a white-throated sparrow breeding here this summer. He sang — or rather I heard him — frequently between June 29 and Aug. 6, and I found two young ones in juvenal plumage Aug. 20. I also heard another one sing twice, June 4 and July 2! So I think we perhaps had two nesting pairs here. I have just sent a note to the Club about it.

What do you think of

my juncos? Northfield, Vermont, N. H., about 50 miles further north, seemed to be the nearest record breeding place in eastern N. H., and I find no record for eastern Mass. in Forbush and Allen's list. I have your Minot here in Boxford.

With kind regards to yourself and Mrs. Denny

Yours sincerely,

Francis N. Allen.

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July 13, 1906.

Dear Mr. Brewster,

Mr. Abbott Thayer has offered to us his book on protective coloration. I think the only difficulty we shall find in the way of publishing it is the matter of expense, but that may be a serious one on account of the many illustrations, colored and uncolored, involved. Would you mind expressing your opinion as to the value

Allen - F. H.
July 13. 1906.

Mr. Thayer's discoveries, so that I can quote it for the benefit of the house in its deliberations on the matter? I have found the MS. and pictures exceedingly interesting to me, and have tried his blue jay experiment successfully with a sheet spread under the trees.

I hope you are better than you were in the spring and are having a pleasant summer.

Yours sincerely,
Francis H. Allen

P. S. I should be very glad to get your opinion as to whether I should send for Mr. Thayer's book.
Enclosed

Boston
Sept. 12, 1906.

Dear Mr. Brewster,

I have read your book through with a great deal of pleasure, and profit too, I am sure. Of course I can't add anything to what others must have said as to its importance as a formal paper, but I should like to express my "professional" admiration for the thoroughness and excellence of the

of two seem, the following may be of interest: Sept. 12, 1904, I saw, about noon, a party of seven swifts flying through Dover, Mass., towards the South. They flew silently and directly, but later I saw some swifts; possibly the same birds, flying about in the air at a point farther south and apparently feeding. On Aug. 26 of this year, at Boston, I saw a large number of swifts in the air near our home late in the P.M. but noticed no general movements. Later,

proofreading and the consequent freedom from errors of all kinds. I like very much what you say about the publication of records of birds merely observed but not taken, and the way you insist on having the evidence presented in such cases. Too many of us, I fear, either through thoughtlessness or through a false pride in our own standing as observers, have neglected to this important part of the records.

Here are a few notes suggested by my reading of the book:-

C. albicola. I saw a pair of buffle-heads from near the Boston side, Harvard Bridge, Feb. 24, 1906. They were very near, and I watched them a long time with my glass. Others saw three birds about this time, I believe, and you doubtless have a note of them already, though too late for the book.

C. pelagica. If what you say about the migration of the swift means that birds evidently migrating are not

tomorrow, about 7 P.M., a flock of about 20 flew over the house from west to east. These birds were not flying directly like those of Sept. 18, 1904, but they kept together nevertheless, in a well-marked flock.

I saw a broad-winged hawk in Waltham last Sunday. It was tame, as they usually are, and I got near enough to see the wide barring of the tail very plainly when it flew. This

region is evidently of more
of a Canadian cast than
the Cambridge region. Soli-
tary vireos seem to be fair-
ly common, and I have
seen (in June) at least 2
hairy woodpeckers. Also saw
a young Canadian warbler,
Aug. 5. Wood thrushes
abundant but vireos com-
paratively scarce. I found
one solitary vireo's nest with
young.

Yours sincerely

Francis H. Allen

215 Lafayette St.
West Roxbury, Mass.
Apr. 20, 1909.

Dear Mr. Brewster,

While the committee is revising the Check-List, I want to raise the question whether Hirundo erythrogastra is not the correct form instead of H. erythrogaster as the Ninth Supplement made it. The feminine ending ra seems to be given to compounds of the word gaster after feminine nouns in other combinations in the Check-List. See Pstrochelidon lunifrons melanogastra, Sula leucogastra, Branta bernicla glaucogastra. And Hirundo is a feminine noun. Boddaert apparently

common phrases as vice versa, which no one thinks of calling "weekay waivsa". But even then we encounter difficulties with the Latinized forms of names in other languages, as, for instance, shall we say Linéonii or lin-col'nii? I favor the former, as some of these words are unpronounceable in Latin, — Cooperi, for instance.

I hope you won't curse me out for introducing this subject. Perhaps it may be a relief to think of something comparatively frivolous after labors on more important matters! Don't trouble to acknowledge this letter if you are busy.

We have a pair of mockingbirds here in the place now, and the male sings freely. Yours sincerely, Francis H. Allen

publish the name as Hirundo erythrogaster, but isn't it permitted to correct endings to make them conform in gender?

Here are a few suggestions for the vernacular names: —

Great Loon [Yes! W.B.]
Greater Scaup Duck [Yes! W.B.]
Upland Plover [Already adopted]
Ringneck [Yes! if not already adopted W.B.]
Eastern Phoebe [Yes! W.B.]
Shore Horned Lark [Yes! W.B.]
Eastern Meadowlark [Yes! W.B.]
Common Redpoll [Yes! W.B.]
Snow Bunting [Adopted]
* Savannah Sparrow
Red-eyed Towhee [Chewink W.B. would favor]
or better, call these birds Chewinks, "To-whee" being so commonly mispronounced.
Solitary Vireo
Black and Yellow Warbler [Yes! W.B.]
White-bellied Redpoll Warbler [Yes! W.B.]
Yellow Redpoll Warbler

* Wasn't it named for the city?

Northern Water-thrush [Yes! W.B.]
Black-capped Chickadee [Yes! W.B.]
Veery [Already adopted]

[I strongly favor retaining the following W.B.]

I wonder, too, if it would be outside of the province of the Check-List to consider formulating and publishing rules for the pronunciation of the scientific names. Hardly any one I know seems to have any consistent practice in this respect. Most use a variable mixture of the old English pronunciation of Latin and the modern Continental, and many seem to be ignorant of the rules of quantity. Personally I use the English rules, as I was taught to do at school when not actually reading the Latin language, regarding the scientific names as I should regard such

215 Lafayette St.
West Roxbury
June 3, 1909

Dear Mr. Brewster,

I had intended long before this to answer and thank you for your letter of Apr. 23 concerning the vernacular names, etc., in the Check-list. I'm glad to learn that certain changes you mention are to be made. Certain others you mention I am sorry for. Of course we always speak of the robin and the redstart, for instance, but neither have heard or would be likely to hear of the chickadee or nuthatch, and I have not seen or heard anything of the titmouse in this vicinity. The birds are very shy in the nest, but are common enough in the immediate neighborhood, and the name seems entirely appropriate. I've watched for cats and crows. I have failed in the former case but am "happy" for the latter two of the former and wonder if this only left in the vicinity. I wonder if you might be able to get the crow here, of which there are a number about.

Have you heard of Mr. Knight's blue-winged warbler in Sudbury? He has seen a pair and

of three birds on our list is the robin or the redstart, and it seems to me absolutely incorrect to call them so or anything so formed as a Check-List of N. A. Birds which is to be used all over the world. However, we must bow to superior authority.

But the emergency that now forces me to write you is the absence of our Secretary and the necessity of having a Sec. for them. Mr. Allen spoke of it at the last meeting of the Club but not till after we had passed the "business" stage of the proceedings and neither of us remembered just how the arrangement was to be made under the by-laws. I have the printed by-laws from Mr. Chapin & judge from them that it is for you to appoint some one. Very likely Mr. Allen has already communicated with you on the subject and perhaps he has left the record at the Museum, but I don't know. If so will you be so kind as to let me know or at the meeting of June 7 please let me know.

Our meeting tonight was a most unthinkable one. Fortnight ago to-day, when I drove from my home. I got it, it contained four eggs. Subsequently I sent

positively identified the male at least, and his friend Mr. Cadwa has found the nest, containing four eggs and a cowbird's, which last he destroyed. I went out there Monday P.M., but though I heard the bird sing once, — or thought I did, — I didn't get a look at it. Mr. Purdie knows where the bird was and perhaps he has been there.

Yours sincerely,

Francis H. Allen

P.S. I hope you will be at the meeting. I should also be delighted to show you the mockingbirds if you care to come over.

215 Lenox St.
West Roxbury, Mass.
June 20, 1909.

Dear Mr. Brewster,

Just after sending off my letter to Concord I learned from Mr. Purdie that you had gone to Umbagog. As it turned out, everything went smoothly. Allen had left the book and the cases for the 1st October meeting with Mr. Murdock, and we elected the Editor Secretary pro tem at the meeting of June 7. He will simply have to write out the records for that meeting and send out the cards for the first meeting of next season, also perhaps

seen at that meeting. I'm sorry I bothered you about it, officially as it seems G. M. was trying to save you trouble.

The mockingbirds got their four young safely launched from the nest on the 12th. I banded two of them but forbore not to handicap all four in that way, — for I suppose it may be a handicap. A bird that shows a band on his leg is more likely to be shot, I should think. I saw the parents feeding three of them this morning. I'm not certain whether the fourth is still extant or not. They can now fly fairly well and they keep up in the trees, so that I suppose danger from anything but hawks and owls is practically gone, — at least till they begin to shift for themselves and put on the grown bird. It has been a great satisfaction to me, this successful rearing of the mockingbirds. There is only one thing that I am sorry that they did: that is the famous night song that both natural-ists make so much of. Our kind sings more freely by day than any kind I ever had anything to do with, but so far he has been silent at night. I am sorry, for I think the night song would be a valuable addition.

I hope you will write up your study of this kind of thing. It is interesting.

Yours sincerely,

Harriet Allen

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Feb. 4, 1910.

Dear Mr. Brewster,

Would Mr. Abbott Thayer make a good lecturer as one of an Audubon course? Would he be willing to do it, do you think, and would he talk well? I know he is anxious to get his views known, and it occurred to me that he might give us a very interesting lecture if he would. We are trying to arrange our course now, and the possibilities of new things seem scarce. Perhaps you can suggest somebody else. I have thought of Dugmore and Fuertes, but I don't know whether they are available or not.

Another question about Mr. Thayer: In acknowledging my thanks for one of his separates of his Popular Science article the other day he suggested that I might help the cause by writing on to the Smithsonian people recommending that they reprint it as they did his Auk article some years ago. Can you tell me if True is the man to address? I suppose they are still printing those things in their

annual reports? Mr. Thayer complains that zoölogists are slow to come to his views. Is this so as far as ornithologists are concerned? I have been very much impressed myself, and though some of his notions seem a bit far-fetched, I have thought him sound in the main. I have his book, which he kindly sent me.

Have you heard of the Brookline Village hawk owl? The Boston Traveler photographer took a picture of a hawk owl there last week and exhibits it in the Traveler window, but I can't learn that any ornithologist has seen the bird. I have a copy of the photograph and am preparing to send it to Bird-Lore. It is unmistakably a hawk owl. G. M. Allen noticed the picture first.

Yours sincerely,

Francis H. Allen

West Roxbury
Oct. 24, 1910.

Dear Mr. Brewster,

Miss Kimball tells me you want to hear from the meeting between the Audubon Directors and Mrs Boyd, the proposed "executive secretary," till the next regular meeting of the Board. Do you think it would be possible to put the whole thing through at that meeting, after the Directors had all seen and talked with Mrs Boyd, and elect her then and there if she favored

among birds and her views talks with the schoolchildren and others. She was a Miss Wolcott, and her sister is Dr. Grace Wolcott, who is well known. I believe she is now a widow with two small children and a young daughter. I think you will be pleased with her personality.

I commend and I shall gratulary of Francis and some more red breasted nuthatches than I saw before this winter. The weather has the thermometer and thermometer and thermometer at this writing. It was a fine sight. Also Sammis Phillips, etc.

Yours sincerely,
Francis H. Allen

matter? It would seem to be a pity to have to foot it off for another month. Since the last meeting Miss Richards and I, at the suggestion of Mrs. Bullis and Miss Hall, have had an interview with Mrs. Boyd, and my own opinion of the desirability of giving her a trial has been confirmed. I haven't seen Miss Richards since, but I am sure she feels the same way. Mrs. Boyd is willing to give us at the office two full mornings in the week and undertake to do considerable outside work in the way of addressing women's clubs, etc., for $5.00 a week. This sum was mentioned only tentatively and I think she might take less if we thought that too much. (At $5.00 was mentioned in our Directors' meeting.) Mrs. Boyd could give us three days in the week if we wished, but Miss Richards and I thought that perhaps two days would be enough to begin with. Mrs. Boyd is a woman of force and tact, who has always been an active worker in Bellows, — in the Historical Society, Women's Club, Channel, Public Library Committee, etc. I know Miss Richards about her feelings and know that she is very much thought of and likes. She knows something

215 Kelsey St.
West Roxbury

Jan. 13, 1911.

Dear Mr. Brewster,

I have just been reading your very interesting account of the battues. Why can't more of us see things like that? I can't help thinking of Mr. Wright's efforts to do something besides camera-taking. (I dare say some one has already called your attention to the last paragraph but one before this one you quote from Miss Learned's article. That seems to

make her statement clear. I remember now reading the papers when it appeared and being skeptical!

As to the Indian name for ~~the~~ Concord River see Thoreau's "Maine Woods," p. 157 of the Manuscript Edition, where Musketicook would appear to be the correct form.)

Yours sincerely,

Francis Allen

Boston

Apr. 27, 1911.

Dear Mr. Brewster,

The subject of a street-car advertising card came up after you left the meeting yesterday, but we concluded that it would not be advisable to display the card till the close cars went on in the fall. It was therefore voted to ~~postpone~~ the matter till the next meeting, May 10, which would give time for making arrangements against the fall. We hope you

will be able to come to the meeting and give us your ideas as to just what the card should be. If for any reason you can't come, could you send word about it, ~~—~~ write ~~it~~ the card out in full? Had we better have a picture on it?

I hope you will be able to preside at the Public Meeting Saturday, May 13. We are to have a tea for the local Secretaries immediately after, at the Chilton Club (if it can be arranged) or at some near-by hotel. The ladies of the Board are going to run that, of course. The

enclosure of the new check also came up, and we voted to buy a train of $1200 or $1500 to display there. Have come to the prospect of our having cash enough to publish it for some years in the ordinary course. Mrs. Herman Kenwick pledged $100 towards it and will buy a share more, and all the Directors are supposed to buy to get subscriptions for the purpose, or, ~~dictated~~, of course, if we are going able to raise the full amount necessary. You know we have issued write $100 for the two new charts, but Yosemite, Yellowstone
we forebear to issue only one of them now. Yellowstone

EDITORIAL ROOMS

HOUGHTON MIFFLIN COMPANY
4 PARK STREET · BOSTON

April 28th, 1911.

Dear Mr. Brewster,

Would it trouble you to look over the enclosed paper on the Bluebird, by Enos Mills, at your leisure, and let me know what you think of it? Some of the observations--that of the young bluebirds at play, for instance--seem to be a little unusual.

Yours sincerely,

Francis H. Allen

William Brewster, Esq.,

Concord, Mass.

P.S. I had some fun with two screech owls last night,— called them up near the house & kept them wailing and singing there + swooping about for ten minutes or more. Both of them gave the love-song but on different keys. I wonder if they were two males or if the female has that note.

megascops asio
(low note)
F. H. Allen.

215 Lafayette St.
Corner Roxbury
May 24, 1912

Dear Mr. Brewster

I met Earle L. Ovington the aviator, the other day and had a little talk with him about bird-flight. He has made quite a study of it and evidently has ideas on the subject. He offered to give us a talk at the Nuttall Club and to-day, after consulting with Mr. Glover Allen, I have

are disposed to give him a trial if the money for a year can be raised. This would amount to a little over $1000 besides travelling expenses. I suppose $1500 would be a good sum to aim at. Mrs. Hemenway offers $500 towards this. If you know where we can get any more, we should like to hear. Do you suppose Col. Thayer could be counted on?

As I think you know, we have made the complete arrangements for

arranged with him to come to the next meeting, June 3d. He will bring his lantern. & give us a sort of lecture, but slides and he wants particularly to discuss bird-flight with ornithologists and especially with you. I hope very much that you will be able to come to the meeting. He seemed like an interesting chap and I think you would enjoy talking with him. I should have consulted with you before arranging the thing for the next meeting, but that is the last meeting left for the season and I was afraid to let it go over till next fall, — there's no knowing what may happen to an aviator.

Another thing, — the Audubon Society committee on the secretaryship has renewed negotiations with Mr. Winthrop Packard, and he will agree to give us half his time for $25 a week, the months of July and August excluded. He

the publication of the new chart by the Milton Bradley Co. of Springfield and the transfer of the old ones to them. This is on a commission basis, the Society paying the bills and owning the charts and the publishers selling them for us. Mrs. Hemenway lends us the necessary money without interest, the same to be repaid as the returns come in from sales once a year. Mrs. Hemenway is a very generous and useful director! As the

last meeting, you may be interested to know, we elected Mr. William Wharton a director, and he has accepted cordially, Miss Kimball tells me, and says he expects to be able to attend meetings regularly.

I hope you've been having some birds in Concord this week. We have had some very birdy mornings here, especially Wednesday morning. A yellow-billed flycatcher in the Granary Burying-ground yesterday.

I hope you'll be able to come and meet Covington.

Yours sincerely,

Francis H. Allen

215 Lafayette St.
West Roxbury
July 14, 1912.

Dear Mr. Brewster,

I've asked Mr. Robbins to tell you about Mr. Packard because he is the one who has interviewed him. I have never met him myself, unless perhaps some years ago when our house was publishing a boys' book for him, — "The Young Ice Whalers". At any

rate I've given him a trial. In case the committee succeed in raising the $1200, would you think it advisable to have Mr. Packard meet you and the whole Board of Directors before we took definite action? The committee had thought of recommending the calling of a special meeting of the Board to elect Mr. Packard, if it was thought best, ~~and get~~ so as to get him started on his campaign by Sept. 1st.

Yours sincerely,
Francis H. Allen

Please let me know if your plans will approve

rate I have no acquaintance with him. I know his Transcript articles, of course, and that he has made a number of books out of them, but I never can read them myself, they have so little meat in them. I dare say you feel the same way about them, for I find that most persons who really know about outdoor things regard his writings as rather frothy. He seems to have quite a vogue with a certain class of readers, though.

He is a large and "husky" man physically and makes a good impression, I understand. He has roughed it in Alaska, and his "Young Ice Whalers," which is one of the results of his experiences there, is a very good boys' book. He lives, as perhaps you know, in Canton, and has lived there for some years, — all his life for all I know. He seemed to be the only promising possibility for the position, and the committee felt that he was promising enough to

215 Lafayette St
West Roxbury, July 26, '12

Dear Mr. Brewster,

I was glad to get your letter of the 20th and to know that you approve of engaging Mr. Packard, and I must thank you on behalf of the committee for your generous subscription. The other day I got a check for $25 from Mr. Prescott Gay, which brings the subscription list up to $1125. You may also get something from Dr. a written request for the meeting, signed by three members as required by law.

Now I suppose we must have a talk with Miss Kimball before we ask him to call the meeting; and I suppose she ought to put the object of the meeting in the call. Do you want to see him, or shall I? I told Robbins I would drop him a line. Monday, the next office day, would be the last time, perhaps.

Phillips.

Mr. Robbins had a talk with Mr. Packard and he will be glad to begin work Sept. 1st if we want him. He will also come to meet the Directors at our meeting. He was going away Monday for a fortnight, to be back Saturday Aug 10, and as both Robbins and I are going away on the following Saturday, (Aug. 17) it seems best to have the meeting in the intervening week, if that is convenient to you. Robbins may possibly have to arrest in some yachts from Wednesday to Saturday of that week (it was to be within that week in the preceding, but wasn't sure which), so that within Monday or Tuesday seemed to be indicated, and Mr. Forbush, whom I consulted, could come Monday. Tuesday, Aug. 13, seems to be the day, therefore, if that suits you, and we thought 2:30 would be a good hour; the place the Library of the Boston Society of Natural

I think we can get a quorum. Miss Hall will be in town then, and Dr. Fiske and Mr. Wharton, whom I saw to-day, can both probably come, Dr. Fiske almost certainly. With you and Mr. and Mrs. Robbins and Forbush and me, that would make eight besides Miss Kimball, and four makes a quorum. There is also a chance that some others might make a point of coming, though most of them are out of town now.

Please let me know if date

and all are satisfactory and whether you want me to see Miss Kimball.

Your walk over the transitional marshes must have been an interesting one. Do you suppose the black ducks were breeding there? It is interesting to see how birds are waiting to take advantage of favorable conditions anywhere.

Yours sincerely,

Francis Allen

4 Park St. Boston
Sept. 18, 1912.

Dear Mr. Brunt,

Since you
have left me what your
resolution is as to the
name of the officer to which
we elect Mr. Packard? Upon
remember we had quite a
discussion at the meeting about
the title in connection with the
duties of the office. I have
a clear recollection myself but

during the time I am awake as I lie on my upper piazza. I hear them mostly in September but have also heard them in May, August and about the last of July. I have supposed it was some kind of shore-bird, but Dr. Townsend, who heard one here the other evening, didn't recognize it as anything he had ever heard and doubted if it was a shore-bird. I don't know what else it could be, though. Do the sails have any

find that it disagrees with Miss Kimball's.

Mr. Packard came to see me yesterday and told me what he had been doing for a starter, — getting out some circular letters under Mr. Forbes's catalogs. He has had proof of the new chart, and Fuertes writes me that he is very well pleased with the lithographic work on it.

I'm always coming to you with a question about some kind or other - not that has [illegible] me, and here is another: We might in September [illegible] often have a long and somewhat shadowy deep with a slight host without homeward reflection and am I in it; — a sort of Creek, not pond-longer. The birds fly over my house quite often, sometimes singly, sometimes in small straggling companies, to judge by the notes we hear them answering one another. Sometimes I hear fifteen or twenty

such flight call? I have
heard flying over my home at
night spotted and solitary (probably
sandpipers, upland plover, dunlin,
and other unrecognized shore-birds
with several different notes (one
last Sunday night with a short
unmusical peep several times re-
(but not in succession
peated), but none of them are
as frequent as this particular
one I'm writing about. At this
time of year they are flying
from northeast to southwest ap-
parently, and each one calls several

times within hearing, the notes growing louder as the bird draws near and then diminishing. ~~Do~~ When I describe this note last year to Townsend, he thought the bird might be the pectoral sandpiper, but when he heard it the other night he said it wasn't that. I wish you could hear the birds themselves, but perhaps my description will suggest to you the solution of my puzzle.

Yours sincerely,
Jonathan H. Allen

215 Ely ranger St.
Lower Roxbury
Sept. 24, 1912

Dear Mr. Brewster,

Evidently I can't prove it by you, as the phrase is, that we agreed to call Mr. Packard "Executive Secretary" and Miss Kimball "Secretary-Treasurer," but I was quite positive that such was our final decision. You must excuse me if I correct you as to my own part in the discussion, however.

surprised to find he was calling himself "Field Secretary."

I am delighted to get your answer to my question on that migrating note, — a subject that has puzzled me for years. The first time I heard it I thought it was Bicknell's or the grasshopper thrush, but the more I heard of it the less it sounded like that to me, and I came to the conclusion that it must be a shore-bird of some species, — faintly dreamt I thought I knew most of the

It was my own suggestion that Mr. Packard should be Executive Secretary and Miss Kimball Secretary-Treasurer, and Miss Kimball herself agreed to it when I talked the matter over with her before we called the meeting. That was my proposal at the meeting, but you misunderstood me at first and objected the suggestion, thinking I had said "Secretary" instead of "Executive Secretary." When you learned later that you had misunderstood me, you withdrew your objection to the proposal, — or at least that was the impression I got, — but perhaps you only modified your objection. I suppose I must be wrong about the final outcome of the discussion, since you and Miss Kimball remember it differently from me, Mr. Forbush agrees with you, though apparently less positively, and Mr. Robbins is too hazy to say either way. The question arose, as perhaps I said before, in connection with the signing of Mr. Packard's circular letters. I was

common land-birds' notes, but partly also because it seemed to me to have the quality of some of the sonofifers' notes. I have not detected any particular difference in the notes that would suggest their coming from more than one species. Some time, perhaps you will tell me how to distinguish them, but I suppose that would have to be done by word of mouth. I am also very curious to know how on earth you succeeded in identifying them, — I suppose by catching

thing as it in the daytime. Now I think of it, the notes might my well come from a very, but I never heard anything remotely suggesting them from the hermit, or the olive-back.

I've shown your letter to Townsend but shall not let it go further, and of course I shall not make any public use of the information. That Umbagog book is going to be a perfect mine of information. Townsend says you are going to bring out a part of it before long, which

Yours very truly,

Frank M. Chapman

EDITORIAL ROOMS

HOUGHTON MIFFLIN COMPANY

4 PARK STREET · BOSTON

Oct. 3, 1912

Dear Mr. Brewster

I don't remember that anything was said at our Special Directors' meeting about having Mr. Packard attend our regular meetings, but I suppose we should all be agreed that he ought to. Wouldn't it be well for you as Presi. dent to ask Miss Kimball to send him a card for the meeting of Oct. 9 and future meetings? Even if the point was covered during our discussion, it wouldn't do any harm to remind her, I suppose.

Yours sincerely,

Francis H. Allen

215 LaGrange St.
West Roxbury
Oct. 11, 1912.

Dear Mr. Brewster,

I have been hearing more of the night-hawking thrushes. In the very early morning of Oct. 5, — 2 a.m. and thereabouts, — I heard many times from a number of individuals a short, uninflected peep not very high-pitched, apparently with an l in it, like *quilp*, a rather mellow and sweet note.* It resembled a form of the Hermit Thrush's chuck

* It can be imitated approximately by whistling.

form of the call-note.

Yours sincerely,
Francis H. Allen

note which I have heard in the daytime, and I suspect that the birds were transients. The same night I heard from several individuals the note I described to you before, or one resembling it, but it seemed to me a little higher-pitched and fewer than those I heard in early September. I heard this note last night again about 11 P.M. from a number of individuals. It seemed to me then that the downward inflection was not so evident as in the September birds, and when the notes came from near by I seemed to detect an S in it, as if it were the syllable speak. I suspect that these birds were H. alicise or H. a. bicknelli and that the early September birds were H. fuscescens. I wonder if you would express an opinion on the evidence. I have not heard the Bicknell's call-note (to know it) for several years, but I remember it as much like these night calls. I have also heard a visitables squeak from the Bicknell, but that was different from these and I don't think it is the common

215 Lafayette St.
Corner Roxbury
Feb. 6, 1913.

Dear Mr. Brewster,

Could you, as an act of friendship, look over the letter I have written for publication in the Call, replying to criticisms made by Mr. Stone, Mr. Chapman, and Mr. Barbour? I should not, of course, expect you to assume any responsibility for what I have said, but I

Answered 2-6-13 (See letter book)

any one who exercises any care at all not to get it right. In the case of the first misquotation, the explanation given is ingenious but unconvincing and is exploded by a reading of the next sentence in Roosevelt's paper. Now I don't want to make things unnecessarily hard for Mr. Stone, but at the same time I know of no reason why I should sacrifice my own reputation, and the truth too, to

should greatly value your advice if you felt like letting me have it. There is one serious aspect to the case which I am sure is not generally known. That is that Stone ~~himself~~, in attempting to show that I blundered in the matter of the second "misquotation" — though I did not call it that — with which I charged Colonel Roosevelt, actually misquotes Roosevelt himself by omitting the very clause on which I based my charge, and this in spite of the fact that he appended a footnote reading "quoted verbatim from Mr. Roosevelt's paper." The only way I can account for this is that Stone got his data from some one else — some extremely careless, or possibly dishonest, person — and failed to verify ~~it~~ them for himself. I quoted the passage in question correctly in my paper, and there would seem to be little excuse for

save him from embarrassment.
I think I have put the case
in a reasonable and courteous
way in my letter, but I should
be very grateful for any advice
or suggestions you might feel
like giving me. I have also
replied to Chapman and Barbour,
both of whom have been a little
unreasonable, I think.

I haven't had a word from
Mr. Thayer since my paper ap-
peared, and I'm afraid he
didn't like it much better than

T. R. So much for trying to be fair to both sides! However, I have faith to believe that it all tends towards the evolution of the truth and that my little plunge may prove to have helped things on.

Yours sincerely,

Francis H. Allen

215 Lafayette St.
West Roxbury
July 6, 1913.

Dear Mr. Brewster,

I was sorry, as I'm sure all the rest of us were, not to be able to agree with you about Miss Kimball and Mr. Packard, — particularly after you were so nice to me about my Clerk letter. (Your hearty words that afternoon at Mrs. Elliot's were a source of

I know her ways and manners pretty well. I have labored with her, perhaps tactlessly but certainly sympathetically because I recognize in her certain of my own faults, and long and patiently, to try to get her to see things in a larger way and to show her why it was necessary for us to get outside help to run the Society efficiently; but I never could get her away from her personal view of the case. It was always her work and her relations with the Directors and the Dida

the greatest satisfaction to me. I wish we could all feel a little more of Mr. Packard's high-mindedness, but personally I feel surer of him than of Miss Kimball. If it had seemed worth while the other day, I should have said more than I did of Miss Kimball's shortcomings. I have never laid the stress on her failure to keep office hours that some of the others have. It is her absolute unprogressiveness that has worried me most. She never fails to throw cold water on every new plan that comes up, and she never, I think, made a single contribution of her own in the way of constructive work for the Society. I know she has always been faithful about keeping you informed about things, and I haven't anything to complain of in her treatment of me; but I have had as frequent and protracted dealings with her as almost any of the directors, I think, and I feel that

Secretaries (Mrs. Boyd and Mr. Packard) that seemed to occupy her thoughts; never the good of the cause viewed impersonally. Then, too, there have been several instances where her records of the meetings and her recollections of other things have differed so radically from my own very distinct recollections of particular matters in which I was especially interested that, rightly or wrongly, I have lost confidence in her absolute veracity; and this lost makes me

feel safer with Mr. Packard than with her, even if I don't sympathize with his attitude in all things.

A number of us — in fact, I suppose practically all the Directors — have for some time wanted to get rid of Miss Kimball as soon as we could find a substitute. At the June meeting the matter came to a head in my own mind after seeing her exhibition of ill feeling against Mr. Packard. I remarked to Mr. Wharton, as we left the meeting together, that now Miss Kimball couldn't leave us any too soon, and he agreed with me. The situation had really become unbearable.

Well, it's over now, and I hope we have made no mistake. I don't think we have, though I'm far from setting up my judgment against yours. But I did want to explain my view of the case to you a little more fully.

Yours sincerely,

Francis H. Allen

215 Lafayette St.
West Roxbury
July 10, 1913

Dear Mr. Brewster,

I'm very, very sorry to hear that you intend to resign the Presidency of the Audubon Society. From what you say I'm afraid that no mere refusal to accept your resignation will avail, but couldn't you put it off till later, say till after the first of January next? I know you don't want to hurt the

you understand that, however much we like and respect Mr. Forbush, we want to keep you as President. For one thing, we've got him already, and he could hardly be very much more serviceable to us if he were President than he is now, while if you leave us we lose you entirely. I know it's a matter of conscience with you largely (I'm descended from Elder Brewster myself and sympathize) and in this case it is conscience

Society and I'm very much afraid that your resignation, coming just as the new Secretary and Treasurer goes into office, will be taken by the public for what it really is, instead of being regarded as a mere coincidence. And of course we shouldn't want people to know that you were resigning on Mr. Packard's account. If you should foreknow your resignation, I should hope that Mr. Packard would conduct himself so well that when the time came you would reconsider your decision entirely and stay with us; but in any event a resignation six months or so from now would be much less harmful to the Society's interests. Won't you think this over, Mr. Brewster? And meanwhile, of course, none of us will say anything about the matter outside. I hope

215 Lelyman St.
West Roxbury
Oct. 2, 1913

Dear Mr. Brewster,

I have your note of Sept. 30 enclosing the Conservation Congress letter and circulars. I judge that you yourself don't think it necessary for us to send delegates, and I should hardly think it worth while, since forests and water-power are to be the principal subjects for discussion. Pro-

Thine cordially,
Yours sincerely,
Ernest H. Abbe

help the matter ought to be referred to the Director, though, and I will have it brought up at the meeting of next week.

That's a fine list of autumn birds you have seen! It contains two I have never met with, — Cape May warbler and orange-crowned warbler. I wish they might come my way. I see only the birds that come to me nowadays. I've been hearing the migrating thrushes this last few weeks. I think I detect three distinct notes. Besides three

three notes I have heard, one night about 9 o'clock, the characteristic farring note of Ft. Wilcox Swainson. I have never heard it before at night in the migration. I think the bird was flying but I heard the note only once. I thought my "home" list up to 108 species, for I have never heard the olive-back there on the plain before.

I saw your Bald Hill last Sunday from Judge Olcott's new house across the river, where we were dining. It's a

215 Lafayette St.
West Roxbury
Dec. 11, 1913.

Dear Mr. Brewster,

We are all very sorry to lose you from the Audubon Society, as you must know. I don't think any one felt like saying anything in the meeting yesterday. I must thank you again for stay-

ing on with us for
these few months under
the new arrangement.'

Yours sincerely,

Francis H. Allen

215 Lamartine St.
West Roxbury, Mass.
June 22, 1915.

Dear Mr. Brewster,

I can almost match your tale of Canadian birds in Concord with one of a mystic warbler that I saw in Westwood last Sunday, June 20th! As it was in hardwood growth, however, and as he disappeared almost immediately, I suspect he was only a migrant, though extraordinarily

drawn through the summer. Perhaps he wandered on after being heard, seen & recognized by a common bird this year. Yours ever truly,

Frances A. Allen

P.S. I did not find the Acadian Flycatcher mentioned as breeding at Prospect, and Kennard, who visited the woods (when they have gone for years) a few weeks ago, also failed to find them. The Hudsonian Chickadee is not extinct.

bolatia; which reminds me of how seldom we see any of our smaller migrants thus belated, by accident or otherwise, — I suppose because they are speedily gobbled up by ravins, while cripples ducks and loons and such large birds with fewer enemies escape and spend the summer far south of their breeding grounds. This bird was very clearly seen and positively identified. It was a

male in full plumage and only once before it disappeared. I saw it about 12 feet from me and plainly. including a Canadian (in Pungo) Sunday when they were regularly and strangely, not molesting the Golden Eagle, which are either very scarce in my region this year or else keep strictly engaged for a time. We hear one or two about here in May. (Nuttall's Sparrow) generally have at least one pair over

215 Lafayette St.
West Roxbury
June 20, 1917

Dear Mr. Brewster,

Ever since I landed for a few minutes at Bell's Hill just a month ago to-day I have been intending to report to you some of the birds I found that day there and elsewhere in Concord, though my meagre report will probably add nothing

ect warblers, I should say, and Cape Mays were fairly common. I found ~~June~~ May 18, and seen in Cambridge by Mr. Lamb ~~June~~ May 19, a fortnight later than your latest date in "Birds of Camb. Region". I had a Pinthistis hudsonicus subsp. about my house ~~June~~ May 18 and a few days earlier.

I was sorry I had no time to call on you at the farmhouse that Sunday.

Yours sincerely, Francis H. Allen

to your record of the day. At your camp I saw one black-poll and one magnolia warbler and heard a red-eyed vireo, and I saw a great blue heron flying across the river from somewhere near there. Also a little above I had a good view of a male wood duck flying not far off. Other birds observed in Concord the same day were female Baltimore oriole, Maryland yellow-throat singing, spotted sandpipers, 1 solitary sandpiper, least flycatcher, 1 yellow-throated vireo, 3 chestnut-sided warblers singing, and one water-thrush; and in Sudbury I heard two prairie warblers.

What a remarkable spring we have had! Tennessee warblers in West Roxbury up to and including June 8, and black-polls, June 15. The Tennessee was one of the common-

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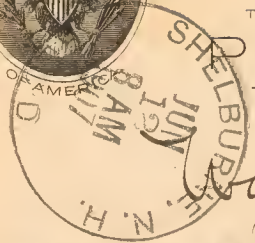

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Walter Deane, Esq.

~~Wm Brewster's Museum~~

~~Richard Ave~~

~~Cambridge~~

Mass.

SHELBURNE, N.H.

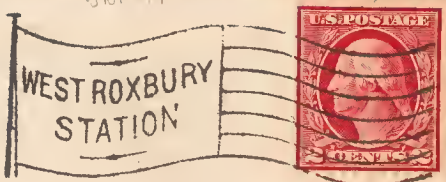
Walter Deane

Dear Mr. Deane,

Boston, June 10, 1907.

I have seen Miss Granger's bird and yesterday Dr. Townsend & I went there together. It is undoubtedly H. leucobronchialis. ~~I suppose you have heard~~ I thought I had better make my report to you, but you have probably heard that Maynard, Hoffmann, & C. E. Faxon have all seen it & that Maynard found the nest with eggs. I suppose somebody is going to report the matter to the Auk after the facts as to the young are all known? I hope the whole thing won't be buried in Mr. Maynard's archives. Yours. J. H. Allen

Strictly yesterday, W. Rox. (no extra limited rate)



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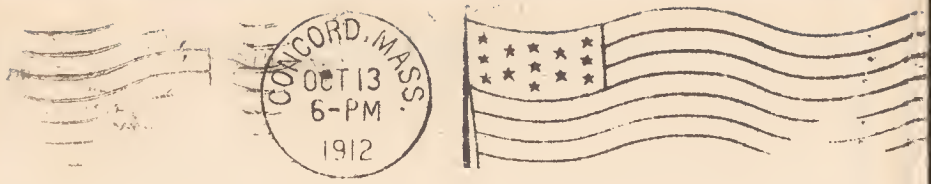
CONCORD, MASS.
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1912

Birds observed in Campton, N.H., June 18th. to July 2nd., 1888, together with a few observed in Thornton; by Francis H. Allen.

1.	A. macularia	Not uncommon.
2.	B. umbellus	Quite common
3.	Buteo borealis	A few observed
4.	Nyctia scadica	1 seen
5.	C. erythrophthalmus	Common
6.	D. villosus	1 seen
7.	~~D. pubescens~~ S. varius	Quite common
8.	C. auratus	Not common !
9.	A. rectifrons	Quite common
10.	Chord. virginianus	Common
11.	C. pelagica	Abundant
12.	T. colubris	1 seen very day.
13.	T. tyrannus	Common

14. M. minutus	Not common	33. M. fasciata	Common
15. S. phoebe	Common	34. P. erythrophthalmus	1 heard
16. Contopus borealis	1 heard	35. H. ludoviciana	Not common
17. C. virens	Quite common	36. P. cyanea	Common
18. E. f. traillii	1 heard	37. P. erythromelas	"
19. E. minimus	Common	38. P. luniferus	1 colony seen in Thornton.
20. C. cristata	Not common	39. C. erythrogaster	Abundant
21. Corvus americanus	Common	40. C. riparia	1 large colony
22. D. oryzivorus	1 heard singing	41. A. ardronum	Common
23. A. phoeniceus	1 seen in Thornton	42. T. olivaceus	Abundant
24. I. galbula	Not uncommon	43. V. solitarius	Not common
25. C. fuscus	Quite common	44. M. varia	Rather common
26. S. tristis	Common	45. W. rufiicapilla	Common
27. P. graminicus	Abundant	46. Conifer. americana	"
28. A. s. savanna	Common	47. D. caerulescens	"
29. Z. albicollis	Quite common	48. D. coronata	1 seen twice
30. S. socialis	Common	49. D. maculosa	Quite common
31. S. fusilla	"	50. D. pennsylvanica	Common
32. J. hyemalis	Quite Common	51. D. blackburniae	"

52. D. virens	Common
53. S. aurocapillus	"
54. G. trichas	Quite common
55. Sylv. canadensis	Not uncommon
56. S. noveboracensis	Quite common
57. G. Carolinensis	" "
58. H. rufus	Common
59. T. hiemalis	Rather common
60. Sitta Carolinensis	" "
61. P. atricapillus	Not common !
62. R. satrapa	Rather common
63. T. fuscescens	Common
64. T. u. Swainsonii	Not common
65. T. a. pallasii	Common
66. M. migratoria	"
67. S. sialis	Quite common.